

Village of Salado, Texas
Board of Aldermen
Minutes
Regular and Workshop Meeting
6:30 p.m. Thursday, February 2, 2017
Municipal Building, 301 N. Stagecoach Road
Salado, Texas

Present: Mayor Skip Blancett, Mayor Pro Tempore Fred Brown, Alderman Frank Coachman, Alderman Amber Preston Dankert, Alderman Michael McDougal, Alderman David Williams.

Others Present: Chrissy Lee, Code Enforcement; Judy King, Village Secretary; Jack Hensley, Chief of Police

1. Call to Order.

- a. The Mayor called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.
Prayer was given by Mary, a Chaplain for Hospice
- b. The Mayor led the Pledge of Allegiance and the Texas Pledge of Allegiance.

2. Proclamations/Special Recognition.

3. Public Comments

- a. Will Lowery, 602 Center Circle, concerned with signage by spillway by Main Street bridge directing swimmers to the Pace Park area for swimming, requested removal of signs directing swimmers to Pace Park; interested in number of police reports regarding Pace Park activity
- b. Drayton McLane III, 628 Center Circle, concerned with signage by spillway by Main Street bridge directing swimmers to the Pace Park area for swimming, as a homeowner by Pace Park he has trouble with trespassers on his property, people requesting to use his bathroom; challenged by seeming lack of patrol; requested crowd control
- c. Chris Coffey, requesting to speak to BOA regarding future bid for Inspection services to the Village of Salado
- d. Cindy Serface, Harker Heights, representative of Garden of Hope, a non-profit emergency shelter for children in transition to foster care home, she would like to consider placing this facility in Salado and would like support with funds

4. Reports

a. Mayor's Report

- i. Town Hall, January 24, 2017, well attended, 1 ½ hours, covered sewer, disannexation, roads, highways, sunset committee, will do Town Halls every other month to keep citizens informed
- ii. Main Street, meeting with TxDot on January 27, 2017, Stagecoach project will complement Main Street plan, TxDot will help with additional parking, widening the concrete bridge next to the green metal bridge on Main Street, sidewalks east & west on Salado Plaza, additional lighting, discussed potential of \$2-3 million to revitalize Main Street
- iii. Blog, will start again on 2/3
- iv. KTMPO, an area committee of mostly Mayor's, one seat open and we are vying to fill that seat, \$250 million in grant dollars available to participants, we will apply for some of those funds

b. Interim Village Administrator's, David Miller, Report

- i. Will discuss Administrator's position during Executive Session
- ii. Stagecoach Sewer Plant, primary holding tank is rusted and beginning to leach, must drain to assess repairs, estimated rental of temporary holding tank is \$20,000
- iii. Wastewater Treatment Plant, no new report, still waiting on Zara Environmental study to be completed

5. Consent Agenda.

Consider approving the Consent Agenda items:

- a. Minutes, January 19, 2016, Regular Meeting.
- b. An Order of Election for May 6, 2017, to elect three positions on the Village of Salado Board of Aldermen.
- c. Resolution (R-2017-155) calling for a Joint Election on May 6, 2017, with the Salado Independent School District (ISD) Board of trustees and the Salado Public Library District for the Election.
- d. Presentation, discussion and possible action on a contract for Zara Environmental to perform environmental assessments in the amount of \$27,150.25. This would include an extension of the existing contract expiration date to April 30, 2017 to allow for the completion of this scope of work.

Alderman McDougal made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda as presented. Mayor Pro Tempore Brown seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

(item 6c. moved to top of order to accommodate input from Denver Mills of the Pace Park Board of Directors.)

6. Regular Agenda

c. Denver Mills, President of Pace Park board gave a brief presentation regarding the history of the agreement with Pace Park and the Village of Salado. He mentioned that Pace Park Board by-laws prohibited the consumption of alcohol as written, but their board would review this policy. In the meantime, it was determined that the Pace Park Board was willing to grant a variance per the request by the Chamber for the Wildflower Art Festival as requested. Discussion ensued regarding the need to examine the Ordinance and future relationship with Pace Park; however, for purposes of this agenda item, action was taken to approve a variance to the Park Regulations Ordinance No. 2007.03 to allow the sale and consumption of alcohol at the Wildflower Art Festival sponsored by the Salado Chamber of Commerce.

Alderman Frank Coachman motioned to approve the variance request from the Chamber of Commerce for the Wildflower Art Festival, March 25-26, 2017 to waive the requirement of Parks Ordinance 2007.03 Section 4 Part B prohibiting the use and possession of alcoholic beverages in Pace Park. Mayor Pro-Tem Fred Brown seconded.

Interim Administrator David Miller recommended adding the TABC portion.

Alderman Coachman added the TABC wording to the end of his original motion to read: ...motioned to approve the variance request from the Chamber of Commerce for the Wildflower Art Festival, March 25-26, 2017 to waive the requirement of Parks Ordinance 2007.03 Section 4 Part B prohibiting the use and possession of alcoholic beverages in Pace Park. adhering to appropriate T.A.B.C. rules and regulations

Mayor Pro Tem Fred Brown seconded. Motion passed unanimously

a. Alderman David Williams gave an update from the Workshop presentation regarding the Salado Citizens Academy and stated that the program was set to begin 3/1/17. Alderman McDougal opened the discussion by suggesting the Salado Citizens Academy was a good idea, but the timing was not good with the short staff resources. Mayor Pro Tem Brown stated that the staff had requested waiting to launch the program. Alderman Dankert suggested that Williams move forward using this as a pilot program.

*Alderman Williams made a motion to approve support of the Salado Citizens Academy, including the dedication of Village Resources
Alderman Dankert seconded.*

Motion Failed. 3-2 with Nays: McDougal, Coachman, and Brown. And Yays: Williams and Dankert.

- b. Interim Administrator presented Interlocal Agreement with Bell County for street repairs. The offer from Bell County to provide manpower and equipment to repair roads and the Village supply the materials for an estimated cost of \$38,000.

Alderman McDougal made a motion to approve the Interlocal Agreement with Bell County for street repairs.

Alderman Coachman seconded.

Motion passed unanimously.

- c. Moved to top of Regular agenda items.
- d. Mayor Pro-tem presented Chris Coffey, a local inspector, for consideration to bid work for the Village of Salado. Mr. Coffey addressed the BOA and shared his qualifications. Mr. Larry Sands spoke and suggested that it was time for a change from Bureau Veritas. Discussion ensued and it was determined that a call for RFP's be put out to inspection companies and reviewed at the March Workshop meeting.

No action taken.

- e. Alderman Dankert presented the need to stay active with the Bell County Adaptive Management Coalition Group to help fund environmental studies regarding the Creek. She requested a contribution of \$5,000 to the Bell County Adaptive Management Coalition Group.

Alderman McDougal motion to approve a contribution of \$5,000 to the Bell County Adaptive Management Coalition Group.

Alderman Williams seconded.

Motion carried unanimously.

Board of Aldermen adjourned for Executive Session at 8:30 p.m.

7. Executive Session.

- a. Discussion regarding the position of Village Administrator as authorized by Texas Government Code 551.074, Personnel Matters.

Board of Aldermen adjourned Executive Session at 9:23 p.m.

8. Adjourn.

Alderman Coachman made a motion to adjourn. Alderman McDougal seconded. Motion passed unanimously (5-0). The meeting was adjourned at 9:25 p.m.


Skip Blanchett, Mayor

ATTEST:


Judy King, Village Secretary

